

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Friday, the 27th April 1962.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. *P.* V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Security arrangements

* 25 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any security arrangements are provided for certain persons and, if so, who they are; and

(*b*) the total annual expenditure incurred thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister): (*a*) Security arrangements are provided for certain persons but it is not in the public interest to disclose for whom such security arrangements are made.

(*b*) It is not possible to give any approximate figure since the annual expenditure incurred on the provision of security arrangements depends on the number and classes of V.I.Ps. visiting this State in a year, and also on the frequency and extent of their tours in this State.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN: May I know, Sir, whether security arrangements are made for the Hon. Ministers and the Presiding Officers in our State?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: I have said, Sir, in the first part of my statement that it is not in the public interest to disclose for whom such security arrangements are made. Security arrangements will cease to have any value if we disclose for whom such arrangements are provided.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Is it a fact, Sir, that such security arrangements were made for the President of the Tamil Nad Congress Committee?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: This is the same question in another form for which no information can be given.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: Sir, may I know whether any of the Opposition leaders are given these security arrangements? (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, the security arrangements depend on the need for providing such arrangements to persons and I presume the State is giving security arrangements to all those persons who deserve them.